



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20463

JUL 27 2010

Alan Locke
IBE Consulting Engineers
14130 Riverside Drive
Sherman Oaks, CA 91423

RE: MUR 6215

Dear Mr. Locke:

On October 2, 2009, the Federal Election Commission (the "Commission") notified you of a complaint alleging violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended (the "Act"), and provided you with a copy of the complaint.

On July 14, 2010, the Commission found, on the basis of the information in the complaint as well as additional information supplied by the complainant, and information provided by you, that there is no reason to believe you violated 2 U.S.C. § 441f. Accordingly, the Commission closed its file in this matter as it pertains to you. The Factual and Legal Analysis, explaining the Commission's finding, is enclosed.

The Commission reminds you that the confidentiality provisions of 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12)(A) remain in effect, and that this matter is still open with respect to other respondents. The Commission will notify you when the entire file has been closed.

If you have any questions, please contact Tracey L. Ligon, the attorney assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Roy Q. Luckett", is written over the typed name.

Roy Q. Luckett
Acting Assistant General Counsel

Enclosure
Factual and Legal Analysis

**FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION
FACTUAL AND LEGAL ANALYSIS**

Respondent: Alan Locke

MUR: 6215

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The Complaint in this matter alleges violations of the Federal Election Campaign Act, as amended ("Act"), in connection with a fundraiser held in honor of Senator Harry Reid by Tate Snyder Kimsey Architects, Ltd. ("TSKA") on February 17, 2009 ("Reid Fundraiser"). The Complainant, Randy L. Spitzmesser, a former employee and shareholder of TSKA, alleges that Respondents Windom Kimsey and William Snyder, Principals of TSKA, illegally reimbursed him and other individuals for political contributions made to Friends for Harry Reid, the principal campaign committee for Senator Harry Reid ("Reid Committee").

A corporation is prohibited from making a contribution in connection with a federal election, and no officer or director of any corporation may consent to any contribution by the corporation. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 441b(a); 11 C.F.R. § 114.2(b). The Act also prohibits a person from making a contribution in the name of another or knowingly permitting his or her name to be used to effect such a contribution. *See* 2 U.S.C. § 441f; 11 C.F.R. § 110.4.

Alan Locke, a partner of IBE Consulting Engineers, did not attend the Reid Fundraiser but contributed \$1,000 to the Reid Committee. *See* Locke Response at 1. He states that his contribution was personal and was drawn on his personal bank account. We have no information that would suggest otherwise. Accordingly, the Commission finds no reason to believe that Alan Locke violated 2 U.S.C. § 441f.